
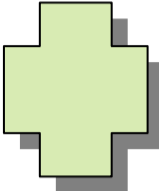
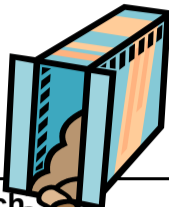


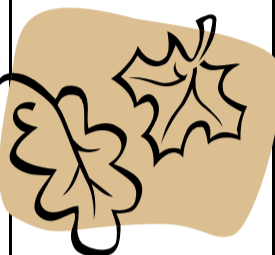

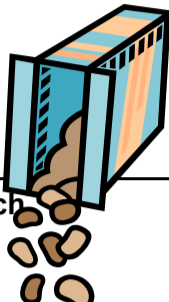











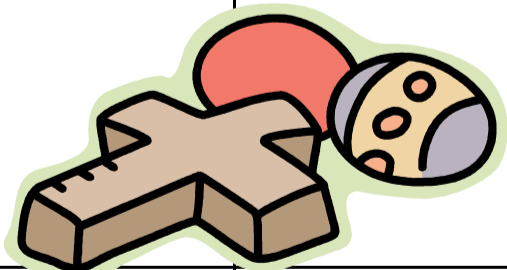


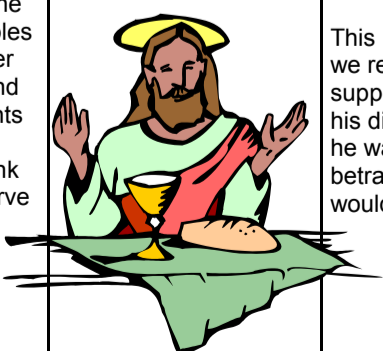


FAMILIES LENT CALENDAR 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
	21 Feb The day before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. This comes from an old tradition where people would use up all their eggs and milk so they could fast more easily for Lent. Enjoy pancakes at home or with your church family.	22 Ash Wednesday On this day people sometimes draw a cross made from ash on their forehead. This is a way of saying sorry to God and remembering that Jesus died for us. 	23 Give up something for Lent Often Christians choose to give up something they love (like chocolate) during Lent to remind them that Jesus gave up His life for us. Imagine no chocs or TV or computers for 40 days! 	24 Take up something for Lent Or you could take up something for Lent like promise to read the bible every day, help others or do chores to raise money for a charity. 	24 and 26 Talk about Lent You'll hear about Lent this week at church. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Talk about it with your family. ◆ Think about what you could give up or take up. ◆ Make a Lenten tree (a tree without leaves) and we will decorate it each week during Lent 
27 	28 Lenten facts The word Lent comes from lengthen and refers to the longer Spring days in the Northern Hemisphere. What season are we heading into in New Zealand?	29 	1 March 	2 Thank you God for mum and for her cuddles. Amen 	3 and 4 Thank you prayers Our tree looks bare. Make some leaves from coloured paper and write a thank you prayer on one side. Attach to the tree with ribbon. 
5 Lenten Facts Passover: a 7 day Jewish festival remembering the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt nearly 3000 years ago. Read Exodus 12:1-51 for more info.	6 Lenten Facts Jesus travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with his family and friends.	7 Lenten Word find How many words can you make from the letters in Easter and Passover RVSAPSOE ESATRE Eg save, over....	8 	9 The shops are full of Easter eggs already. Do you know why people give eggs at Easter? Eggs remind us of new life. What other things remind us of new life? 	10 and 11 Have you eaten any Easter eggs yet? Not if you've given up chocolate for Lent. Make some more decorations for your tree this week from glittery paper or old Easter egg wrappings and talk about some other things you can thank God for this Easter. 
12 	13 Lenten facts Easter was called Pesach by early Christians which is a Hebrew name for Passover.	14	15 	16 	17 and 18 SORRY Hold a pebble in your hand and think about the things you wish you hadn't done this week and the things you didn't do that you wish you had done. Say sorry to God and know he forgives you. Place the pebbles at the bottom of your Lenten tree.
19 Lenten Facts Sometimes we blow the insides of the egg out and paint the shell. The empty egg reminds us of the empty tomb.	20 	21	22	23 WOW 	24 and 25 This week think about God's wonderful creation. Write your prayer of thanks for something God made in our world. Join your family's prayers together to make a green prayer chain and hang it on your Lenten tree. WOW thanks God
26 Lenten facts Hot Cross Buns are a reminder that Jesus died on the cross, that's why we eat them on Good Friday.	27 	28 What is something you could do to help someone this week?	29 	30	31 and 1 April Palm Sunday Palm Sunday is a day when we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people were so excited to see Jesus that they waved branches and called him King. Place some green leaves around your Lenten tree to remind us that Jesus gives us new life. 
2 Holy Week This is a week when we really think about what Jesus' death and resurrection means to us. It is a very important time in our church. 	3 Lenten Facts Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the last supper to show them and us that God wants us to serve and love others. Think how you can serve others.	4 	5 Maundy Thursday This is the day when we remember the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. He knew he was going to be betrayed and that he would have to die.	6 Good Friday Today we remember how Jesus died for us. Strip your Lenten tree so that it is bare. Place an empty bowl and cross at the bottom of the tree. Have some quiet time to think about what Jesus did for us.	7 and 8 Easter Sunday As a family fill the bowl with water and make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead saying: "Christ you are our living water" . Place a colourful ribbon around the cross and put Easter eggs amongst the pebbles. Celebrate with your church family that Christ is Risen! 